

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 91-216-E - ORDER NO. 92-111✓
FEBRUARY 13, 1992

IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company) ORDER
 for an Increase in its Electric) APPROVING
 Rates and Charges.) STIPULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition for Approval of Stipulation and Stipulation entered into by Duke Power Company (Duke or the Company), the Commission Staff and Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) and filed by the Consumer Advocate. The Petition for Approval of Stipulation seeks Commission approval of the Stipulation and in support thereof, the Stipulation alleges that as part of the Company's rate application, Duke requested, among other things, that the Commission allow certain Edison Electric Institute (EEI) expenses and Public Affairs Department expenses to be included in test year operating expenses. The Consumer Advocate recommended in the rate proceeding that all EEI expenses (\$208,559) and 50% of the Public Affairs Department expenses (\$57,200) be excluded from the test year operating expenses. By Order No. 91-1022, dated November 18, 1991, the Commission excluded \$64,113

of the EEI expenses and included all of the Public Affairs Department expenses. The Consumer Advocate filed a Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration on those particular issues, as well as others. By Order No. 91-1140, dated December 18, 1991, the Commission denied the Consumer Advocate's Petition.

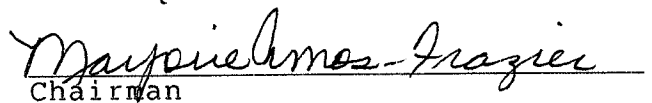
The Stipulation alleges that in consideration for the Consumer Advocate not pursuing the above issues, or other issues raised in the Petition, the parties agree that the ceiling of the deferred account referenced in Hearing Exhibit No. 1 and approved by the Commission in Order No. 91-1022 be lowered from 6.475 million dollars by approximately \$200,000 to 6.273 million dollars for possible inclusion in rates in the future for 1992 expenditures for cost effective Demand Side Management (DSM) activities.

The Commission has considered the Petition and the Stipulation, as well as the allegations contained therein, and the Commission takes note of its approval of the agreement between the same parties in Order No. 91-1022, which approved the ceiling of the deferred account for the Company's 1992 Demand Side Management expenditures. The Commission will consider the amount deferred when Duke Power Company files its Integrated Resource Plan. Therefore, the Commission approves the Stipulation of the parties which reduces the ceiling of the deferred account from 6.475

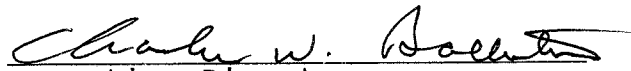
million dollars to 6.273 million dollars for possible inclusion in rates in the future for 1992 expenditures for cost effective DSM activities.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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